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SUBJ: SWEDISH ATTITUDES TOWARD PRG AND GRUNK RECOGNITION
ASPIRATIONS

REF: (A) USUN 4720; (B) STATE 222475

1. ON OCCASION OF MFA RECEPTION BY NEW FOREIGN MINISTER, I HAD
OCCASION TO REGISTER WITH SENIOR MFA OFFICIALS OUR STRONG FEELINGS
ABOUT CURRENT ATTEMPTS TO UPGRADE GRUNK AND PRG. IN SEPARATE
TALKS WITH DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS (WACHTMEISTER) AND HIS
DEPUTY (EDELSTAM), I REFERRED TO ATTEMPT TO ACCREDIT GRUNK AS
REPRESENTATIVE OF CAMBODIA AT UN AND POSSIBLE EFFORT TO SHOEHORN
GRUNK AND PRG INTO LOS CONFERENCE.

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2. BOTH, OF COURSE, SAID GOS POSITION WAS TO ABSTAIN ON SUCH

ISSUES. I POINTED OUT THAT, IN THIS CASE, ABSTENTION MIGHT HAVE SAME EFFECT AS VOTING FOR PRG AND GRUNK DUE TO CLOSE VOTE AND MANY PROSPECTIVE ABSTENTIONS. WACHTMEISTER, WHO IS FLYING TO NEW YORK TOMORROW, WAS INTERESTED IN ARITHMETIC OF THE SITUATION.

3. WITH REFERENCE TO KLACKENBERG'S EFFORTS TO PROMOTE EQUAL STATUS FOR PRG VIS-A-VIS GVN ON INTERNATIONAL AID POLICY (REF B), I TOLD EDALSTAM WE HAD NOTED THIS PRFORMANCE AND DEPLORED IT. GOS SHOULD BE AWARE THAT WE REGARD PRG AS HAVING NONE OF THE ATTRIBUTES OF A STATE AND, SINCE GOS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED FOR SAME REASONS RECOGNIZING PRG, ITS PERFORMANCE IN PARIS WAS HARD TO UNDERSTAND. EDELSTAM MADE NO SUBSTANTIVE REJOINDER, MERELY SAYING OUR VIEW WOULD BE NOTED.

4. COMMENT: IT MIGHT BE WELL FOR USUN TO FOLLOW UP WITH WACHTMEISTER WHEN HE ARRIVES IF THE GAME IS NOT ALREADY OVER. ONLY SLIM CHANCE TO MOVE SWEDEN OFF ABSTAIN POSITION ON REPRESENTATION ISSUES WOULD SEEM TO BE TO CONVINCE SUCH AS WACHTMEISTER THAT WORLD WOULD REGARD THIS AS VOTING FOR LIBERATION GOVERNMENTS. OLSEN

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